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APPLICANTS : Gerlach, et al.  
SERIAL NUMBER : 09/964,956 EXAMINER : Not Yet Assigned  
FILING DATE : September 26, 2001 ART UNIT : 1614  
FOR : NOVEL PROTEINS AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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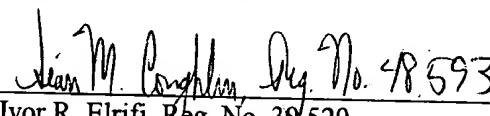
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a four-month extension of time to respond to the Notice to File Missing Parts, mailed January 8, 2002 in the above-identified application. With the extension, the response is due on or before July 8, 2002. A check in the amount of \$1,140.00, in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3), is enclosed herewith.

Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 21402-124 (CURA-424). A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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